

REMARKS

The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present Application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Status

Claims 4, 5, and 7-18 were pending. Claims 1-3 had been withdrawn by the Examiner following a restriction requirement.

Claims 1-3 and 15 have been cancelled without prejudice to further prosecution on the merits.

After amending the claims as set forth above, Claims 4, 5, and 7-14 and 16-18 are now pending in this Application.

The Applicants believe that the present Application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Applicants thank the Examiner for stating, on page 3 of the Office Action, that Claims 4, 5, 7-14, and 16-18 were “allowed.” Claim 1-3 and 15 cancelled so that a Notice of Allowance may be issued for the claims indicated as being allowed.

Claim 4 has been amended to add a comma at the end of a paragraph on line 13 and to delete a repeated word (“the”) on line 15.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 112 ¶ 1

On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claim 15 as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The Examiner stated “[t]here is no support in the specification for a first buffer reservoir positioned at least partially in a second bovrer reservoir ‘without being connected to’ the second buffer reservoir.” The Applicants respectfully disagree

(in view of the drawings); however, this rejection is moot as Claim 15 has been cancelled to further prosecution on the merits and obtain an allowance on the allowed claims. The Applicants reserve the right to pursue this and other cancelled subject matter in a continuing application.

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Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing or a credit card payment form being unsigned, providing incorrect information resulting in a rejected credit card transaction, or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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